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Miss Ruth Adams
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Bulletin of the Atomic Scientists
935 East 60th Street
Chicago 37, Illinois

Dear Miss Adams:

Thank you for your letter of November 26 and the invitation to participate in the spring editorial conference of the Bulletin. Unfortunately, I will not be able to fit this into my schedule and am obliged to decline.

Sincerely yours,

Joshua Lederberg
Professor of Genetics

Handwritten note:

But no lack of interest and moral support!

I would urge you to look a little more deeply into the impact of biological as well as physical discovery on human affairs -- which I fear will be explosive, especially in the area, not of eugenics, but of "euphenics", the control of development.

"Science and Public Affairs" should supplant the name B.A.S.

R. Lederberg
Paul Wilson, etc.